

REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesy of a personal interview extended by Examiner England to applicant's representatives, Allison Leader and James Heintz, on December 15, 2005. At the interview, applicant discussed differences between the present application and the prior art relied on in the office action, including differences between the "content list" of claim 1 and the database of Buist, including the fact that the content list is an ordered sequence of stories and that there is editorial value in the order. Also discussed were differences between control over receipt of information in Buist. The examiner explained his concern that the claims be drafted such that they do not read on email, routers and instant messaging.

Claims 1-53 have been canceled without prejudice to their underlying subject matter. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the underlying subject matter of claims 1-53 in this or any other application. New claims 54 – 82 have been added. No new subject matter has been added.

Claims 54 and 69 are independent claims and all other currently pending claims depend from one of these claims. New claims 54 and 67 includes several limitations which applicant respectfully submits is not found in any of the prior art or in email, router or instant messaging applications. Claim 54 is directed toward a method that requires a field station to receive a content list from a feed station, transmit the content list to an end user station, receive a message containing a revision to the content list from the feed station, and transmit the revision to the end user station for revision of the content list by the end user station. Claim 69 is directed toward a system comprised of a feed station, a field station and a plurality of end user stations in which the feed stations transmits content lists and messages including revisions to the content list to a field station, the field station transmits the revision to an end user station, and the end user station revises the content list in accordance with the revision. These limitations are not found in email, router or instant messaging applications.

In the context of email, revisions are handled in the same manner as the prior art discussed in the application – if an email is sent and a later revision is needed, the entire email including both the original content and the revisions is re-transmitted. Applicant is not aware of any email system in which an original email can be transmitted to a recipient, and then modified by a subsequent email at the recipient's location.

This functionality is also not found in routers. Routers simply do not modify the content of messages, and hence cannot implement revisions to a content list.

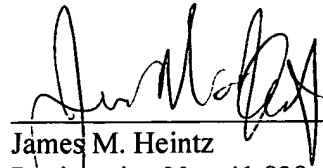
Finally, instant messaging applications also do not possess this functionality. Instant messaging applications typically allow a user to send a short text message. Instant messages are, by their nature, “instant” and thus not stored. Thus, there is no possibility of revising a previously sent message.

The reference relied on in the previous office action, Buist, also does not teach or suggest the limitations of claims 54 and 67. Buist is directed toward a stock trading system. In Buist's system, the user selects data items (e.g., stock prices and news stories) for display on an end user station (see, e.g., Fig. 33, steps 3310 – 3355). There is no teaching in Buist of storing anything at an end user station and no teaching or suggestion of revising a previously-stored news story at the end user station. Rather, it appears that the information is simply sent to the end user terminal display (see legend on news server 3375 in Fig. 33). Therefore, there is no revision at the end user station as required by the currently pending claims.

In light of the foregoing remarks, applicant submits that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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